amounting to Rs. 8.48 crores for the construction. For approval of these estimates, some details are awaited from the Delhi Administration. It is not possible to give the approximate date by which the building would be completed.

Custom duty on drugs

*397. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that customs duty on the inputs going into the production of essential drugs has been imposed at 141% and on finished bulk drugs at 100% and below;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and how such a move would help in achieving self-sufficiency in the drug industry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government now propose to reduce customs duty on inputs going into the production of bulk drugs; and

(d) if so, when was such a proposal made and what is the present status thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Normal rate of custom duty on the drug intermediates is 141.5% *ad valorem* whereas the normal rate of custom duty on bulk drugs is 100% *ad valorem.*

(b) The difference is primarily due to levying of countervailing Duty on Intermediates. However drug intermediates which are exclusively used for the production of Bulk Drugs are levied concessional rate of custom duty which in some cases is substantially lower than the custom duty on Bulk Drugs. Only drug intermediates having multifarious uses are levied custom duty at 141.5%.

(c) and (d) Proposals that all inputs used by the drug industry should bear a lower duty than the rate levied on the end bulk product are being examined.

Study of Feasibility of connecting Pipelines of Oil and ONGC

*398. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 54 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1986 and state :

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. has since completed the study of feasibility of connecting the pipelines of the Oil India Ltd. and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the conclusions arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is expected that the report would be submitted in early December 1986.

Export commitments of polyester units

*399. Shri PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the polyester Units of Reliance, Orkays, JK Synthetics and others had given a commitment to Government before getting the import licences for capital goods that they would export the fabrics worth twice the amount of capital goods; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and how far they have fulfilled this commitment ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) M/s. Reliance, Orkays, J.K. Synthetics and

Indian Organic Chemicals Ltd. had given commitment for export of fabrics/polyester filament yarn for twice the value of the import of capital goods.

(b) The details are in the attached statement. (*See* below) These units have not yet fulfilled these commitments.

Statement

Name of the Unit	CIF Value of Imported Capital Goods
	Rs.
1. M/s Orkay Silk Mills Ltd., Bombay	16,58,26,800
2. M/s Reliance Industries Ltd., Bombay	21,61,17,880
3. M/s J.K. Synthetics Ltd. New Delhi	13,74,60,100
4. M/s Indian Organic Chemicals Ltd., Bombay	8,89,58,600

Report on policy on No Industry District

*400. SHRI K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 821 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1986 and state :

(a) whether the inter ministerial committee has since submitted its report on formulation of policy on "No Industry District";

(b) if not, by when the report is expected to be submitted; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether report has since been published and if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) By the end of December, 1986.

(c) Does not arise.

Chemical leakage from tankers

2504. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of several instances of chemical leakage from tankers and chemical plants at various places in the country during the past six months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a chemical leakage on 15th May, 1986 from a tanker near Badrama near Sambalpur created panic and injured several villagers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to prevent such leakages in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Manufacture of food colour and flavouring essences

2505. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of food colour manufacturer and flavour manufacturers registered with DGTD.

(b) whether they are able to meet the soft drink industry requirement of such raw materials; and

(c) if so, to whom import licences worth Rs. 6.97 crores issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The names of food